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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Notes on Walter L. Pforzheimer's Interview with [redacted]

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Mr. Pforzheimer saw [redacted] Wednesday afternoon, 25 November 1953. [redacted] said he had been seen by a staff man the previous Friday. He was asked not to disclose the name of the staff man and would not do so. The staff man had gotten his name from a mutual friend of unquestionable reliability, whom he also did not want to reveal. The investigator was a first-class man, forthright, honest, etc. [redacted] told him that he was awfully sorry but he could not discuss anything of any nature. He did answer one question the investigator asked, that is whether [redacted] knew of any penetration. [redacted] said he was very glad to be able to say that he did not. The investigator did ask [redacted] why he had left the corporation. [redacted] said he had left for personal reasons, that there was nothing wrong, but that he felt he wanted to get on into his own work.

[redacted] informed the investigator that he felt it was incumbent upon him to inform the corporation of the visit. The investigator begged him not to several times and said that if he did it would get to Allen Dulles who will go to the President and have this thing stopped. [redacted] said he was very sorry but still felt he must report the interview.

[redacted] also said he was quite sure none of this stemmed out of the [redacted] case. He said he thought they were driving at incompetence and mismanagement.

[redacted] made the statement that a lot of people know him and if anyone who ever worked for him went to the committee he said he would be whipsawed.

Note: Mr. Houston has briefed Mr. Kirkpatrick on the above, and he has probably taken it up with the Director.

cc- Col. Edwards
Mr. Kirkpatrick

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